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For: SCAFFOLD COUPLING ELEMENT WITH A SECURE-SITTING HEAD BOLT

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

To the Director of the Patent and Trademark Office

Sir:

Before considering this application, kindly amend the application as follows:

In the Abstract:

Kindly consider the abstract on the cover sheet of published PCT Application WO 00/11284.

In the Specification:

Page 1, line 2, change "Description" to:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 3, before line 4, insert:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 14, before line 5, insert:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.

Page 15, before line 11, insert:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION--.

In the Claims:

Change "Patent Claims" to --I claim:--.